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Please insert the following replacement claims 1-10, 12-13, 15 and 17-19, in which claims 8-10 and 15 have been amended, claims 11, 14 and 16 have been canceled, and new claim 19 has been added.

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1. A method of collecting capacity planning data at a central collection location, said method comprising:

collecting client management data;

storing the client management data in a cache for a selected time interval;

averaging the client management data over the selected time interval; and

transmitting the averaged data to the central collection location.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is collected at the client machine.

3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said collecting step includes collecting client management data for a plurality of clients.

4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is collected at a first time interval.

5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the selected time interval is at least twice as long as the first time interval.

6. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is stored in one or more tables in the cache.

7. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is stored in one or more allocated portions of memory.

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8. (Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in claim 1.

9. (Amended) A computer system having a processor, a memory, and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute the method recited in claim 1.

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10. (Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable components comprising:

- a client collection component for collecting client management data;
- a client caching component for storing the client management data for a selected time interval;
- an averaging component for averaging the client management data over the selected time interval; and
- a transmission component for transmitting the averaged client management data to a central collection location.

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12. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the transmission component transmits raw client management data upon occurrence of an event.

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13. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the event is exceeding of one or more performance thresholds.

14. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure comprising a data field containing averaged client management data for collecting performance monitoring data into capacity planning data.

15. (Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable modules comprising:

means for collecting client management data;

means for storing the client management data for a selected time interval;

means for averaging the client management data over the selected time interval; and

means for transmitting the averaged client management data to a central location;

Please cancel claim 16 without prejudice.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the transmission means transmits raw client management data upon occurrence of an event.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the event is exceeding of one or more performance thresholds.

Please add the following new claims:

19. (New) One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a data structure comprising a data field containing capacity planning data which